

SECTION VI

Job Fairs

JOB FAIRS

Widener University Commonwealth Law School participates in and co-sponsors a number of job fairs throughout the year. These job fairs present students with the opportunity to interview with multiple employers at a given date and location. The format of the individual job fairs generally remains consistent from year to year.

Attached is an alphabetical listing along with a brief description of the various job fairs in which Widener University Commonwealth Law School participates. Most of the job fairs occur on a regular basis throughout the calendar year; therefore, many of the application deadline dates fall around the same time each year.

PLEASE LOOK FOR UPDATED DEADLINE DATES AS PUBLISHED BY THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWELATH LAW SCHOOL LISTING OF JOB FAIRS

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Section of Litigation - JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

This program is a full time, six week minimum, summer internship program open to all first or second year minority or financially disadvantaged law students interested in engaging in legal research and writing for state or federal judges in: Illinois, Texas, Washington, D.C., Miami, FL, Phoenix, AZ and California. See <https://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/> for additional information.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS

October

The Equal Justice Works Conference, the only national public interest law fair, offers a unique opportunity for law students as well as graduates to meet with public interest employers from across the country at a single location. This well renowned job fair is held each fall, usually in October. The format of this job fair is unique in that the event offers pre-scheduled invitation-only individual interviews as well as informal “Table Talk Sessions.” During the Table Talk Sessions, participants have the opportunity to ask questions of employers and receive information regarding the employers’ programs and hiring needs. For more information on participating employers, hiring criteria and contact information, etc., see www.equaljusticeworks.org.

GPALS PHILADELPHIA JOB FAIR

September

Sponsored by The Consortium of Greater Philadelphia Area Law Schools (GPALS), Widener Commonwealth, Delaware Law School, Penn, Villanova, Temple, Penn State-Dickinson, Rutgers & Drexel and held at Temple Law School’s Center City campus, the GPALS Philadelphia job fair provides an opportunity for students of these law schools to interview with firms and legal organizations in and out of the region. Student applications are due in early August through a special Symplicity website and the job fair is held in early October each year.

IMPACT CAREER FAIR For Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities

August

This career fair provides a forum for law students and attorneys with disabilities to interview with employers from around the country. For more information, see <http://www.law.arizona.edu/impact/welcome.cfm>

ABOUT THE JTBF JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP/CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

The Program is only open to rising second and third-year law students who plan to seek judicial clerkships after graduation. JTBF matches law students with federal and state judges across the country. Program externs receive a quarterly stipend in an amount determined by JTBF. Also, course credit may be obtained, depending upon the students' law school curriculum policy. To receive course credit, law students must perform the amount of time required by their respective law schools. Course credit, however, is not a prerequisite for participating in the Program. Law students may not receive academic credit and a stipend simultaneously.

The JTBF Judicial Externship/Clerkship Program has two components:

The academic year externships require a one or two-year commitment. These externships typically begin in September and end in May or June. During the law school academic year, law students work a minimum of ten (10) hours per week on externship assignments to receive a quarterly stipend.

A limited number of summer externships are also available. Law students selected for a summer externship must perform at least thirty-five (35) hours per week of work during the summer for at least eight (8) weeks to receive a summer stipend.” For further details, see <http://www.jtbf.org/>.

LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE

<http://www.lavenderlaw.org/>

The Lavender Law Career Fair provides a space for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students and graduates to meet with representatives of private firms and public organizations from all over the country. These Career Fair interviews are complemented by an introductory panel designed to train candidates. In addition, there are student panels offered during the course of the Lavender Law Conference.

The Lavender Law Career Fair takes place in August and deadlines usually fall in the summer. The location of the fair is different every year so consult the web site for further details.

MID -ATLANTIC BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION JOB FAIR (BLSA)

Early September

The annual BLSA Job Fair is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Black Law Students Association and is generally held in late August in the Washington, D.C. area. Students submit their application packets online mid to late summer. For more information, check out www.nblsa.org (look under the Mid-Atlantic Regional tab or Job Fair information tab)

PATENT LAW INTERVIEW PROGRAM

August

If you are a second-year or third year student or a law graduate studying for an LL.M. in Intellectual Property and you have an interest in patent law, and if you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or technical science, you may want to consider attending this job fair. This program provides the opportunity for students to interview with patent law firms, as well as law firms, corporations and government agencies with patent law departments.

Registration is online and applications are processed by Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Initial applications to participate usually are due in February. Interview schedules are set and mailed directly to selected students by mid-June. Widener will pay students' registration fees. However, if selected, students must travel to Chicago at their own expense. For more information, please see: <http://www.luc.edu/law/career/patent.html>

PHILADELPHIA AREA DIVERSITY JOB FAIR (PADJF)

Early August

The Philadelphia Area Diversity Job Fair (PADJF) was created through a partnership of the Legal Recruitment Administrators of Philadelphia (LRAP) and Philadelphia Area Law School Administrators in order to address the issue of minority recruitment in the legal profession. PADJF offers minority students the opportunity to meet with large law firms, major corporations, public interest organizations, the judiciary and federal, state and local government agencies. This job fair is not invitational; students need only sign up to attend.

To participate, students select 15 employers according to preference. Twenty-minute interviews are then scheduled by a computer program utilizing a numerical lottery system. Students do not receive interviews with all of their listed preferences. Applications are due in July. For more information, check out: www.padjf.org

PHILADELPHIA DIVERSITY LAW GROUP (PDLG)

January

www.philadiversitylaw.org

"The PDLG First-Year Summer Program (the "PDLG Program") offers first-year students from participating area law schools an additional route to summer employment in outstanding law firms and corporate law departments. Application through this program will not preclude a student from otherwise seeking or accepting a job at any participating organization or preclude the organization hiring the student outside of the program.

The PDLG Program is designed to identify first year law students who have overcome obstacles in pursuing a legal career or come from disadvantaged backgrounds or from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the Philadelphia legal community and who have the ability to succeed in the summer programs run by our member organizations. The PDLG hopes this program will enable a group of those students to get summer clerkships in Philadelphia and thus allow them to experience the law school or corporate law environment in Philadelphia and, perhaps, help them "kick-start" their legal careers." Applications are due in early January and decisions are made by March.

PUBLIC INTEREST/PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR (PIPS)

January

The Consortium of Greater Philadelphia Area Law Schools (The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Rutgers University School of Law-Camden, Temple University School of Law, Villanova University School of Law, and Widener University Commonwealth Law School and Delaware Law School) sponsors an annual Public Interest/Public Service Career Fair. This career fair is usually held during the month of February in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Many Widener students obtain jobs through this job fair.

Students who participate in this career fair have the opportunity to meet with representatives of public interest and public service organizations to discuss career opportunities in one of two ways. Group information sessions with organization representatives are scheduled throughout the day; individual interview sessions are scheduled in 15-30 minute increments throughout the day. You will receive further information about this job fair in your Widener e-mail in November. Applications are usually due in early-mid December.